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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus having dissipated static electric charge on a moving component thereof, said apparatus comprising:

a moving component upon which static electrical charges build during operation of said apparatus;

a static charge neutralizing assembly associated with said moving component, said neutralizing assembly including:

a conductive carrier strip; and

a plurality of electrically conductive filaments attached to said carrier strip, said filaments having diameters sufficiently small to induce ionization in the presence of an electrical field generated by static charges on said moving component, said filaments disposed on said carrier strip and extending beyond an edge of said carrier strip and having distal ends remote from said carrier strip; and

said apparatus disposed in a position with respect to said moving component to hold said filaments with said distal tips adjacent but in spaced relation to said moving component so as to not contact said moving component during operation thereof, to thereby cause ionization between said filaments and said moving component.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, said moving component being a roll.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, said distal tips disposed in spaced relation to an outer surface of said roll.

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